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Agenda

1. Opening of the twenty-seventh Meeting by the President of the twenty-sixth Meeting.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Election of the President.
4. Adoption of the agenda.
5. Election of the Vice-Presidents.
6. Appointment of the Credentials Committee.
7. Organization of work.
8. Report of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea to the Meeting of States Parties for 2016 (SPLOS/304).
9. Information reported by the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority.
10. Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (SPLOS/310):
    (a) Information reported by the Chair of the Commission;
    (b) Conditions of service of the members of the Commission.
11. Consideration of budgetary matters of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea:
    (a) Report of the external auditor for the financial period 2015-2016 (SPLOS/305);
    (b) Report on budgetary matters for the financial period 2015-2016 (SPLOS/306).
12. Report of the Credentials Committee.
13. Election of seven members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (SPLOS/307, SPLOS/308 and SPLOS/309).
14. Election of the twenty-one members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (SPLOS/311, SPLOS/312 and Add.1 and SPLOS/313).

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15. Report of the Secretary-General under article 319 for the information of States Parties on issues of a general nature, relevant to States Parties, which have arisen with respect to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (A/71/74/Add.1 and A/72/70).

16. Other matters.

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Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Ms. Barbara **Kremžar** (Slovenia)

1. On 12 June 2017, the twenty-seventh Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed, on the proposal of the President, a credentials committee consisting of the following nine States parties: Algeria, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Finland, Haiti, Lesotho, New Zealand, Slovenia and State of Palestine.

2. The Credentials Committee met on 13 June 2017, and elected Barbara Kremžar (Slovenia) as Chair and Reem Julia Mansour (State of Palestine) as Vice-Chair, by acclamation.

3. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 13 June 2017, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the twenty-seventh Meeting.

4. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum of 13 June 2017, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 106 States parties participating in the twenty-seventh Meeting: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Congo, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Niue, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea,

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Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Vanuatu and Viet Nam.

5. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum of 13 June 2017, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the twenty-seventh Meeting had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 51 States parties: Belarus, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Burkina Faso, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, European Union, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Greece, Guinea, Haiti, Jamaica, Japan, Kiribati, Lebanon, Lesotho, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen and Zambia.

6. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum of 13 June 2017, information concerning the appointment of representatives had also been received from the delegation of the European Union to the United Nations.

7. The Chair proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum by the Secretariat on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the memorandum of 13 June 2017 would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chair for adoption by the Committee:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the twenty-seventh Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 13 June 2017,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned.

8. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

9. Subsequently, the Chair proposed that the Committee recommend to the twenty-seventh Meeting the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 11 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

10. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the twenty-seventh Meeting.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

11. The Credentials Committee recommends to the twenty-seventh Meeting the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The Meeting of States Parties

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee on the understanding that the credentials of the representatives to the twenty-seventh Meeting will continue to be valid until the termination of the twenty-seventh Meeting, in accordance with rule 1 of the rules of procedure.